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Hunters Point--Sunnyvale Anti--Poverty

Election Results

Fourty-two persons were elected in the Sunnydale Area last Friday, July 15th to serve on the Citizen's League Executive Board. Six persons were voted in from each of the seven precincts that comprise the Sunnydale area, according to Mrs. I. Frierson, District Organizer.

Those elected were: Precincts, 1, Elmer Matlock, Joseph W. Lavalais, Henry Williams, Vera H. Hampton, Lavella E. Gardner and Dorothy L. Wells; 2, Betty Dean, Esther M. Webster, Geraldine Brown, Holly Wheatley, Leo Dela Cruz, Jorge Sanchez; 3, Alton Phillips Sr., Vera Warren, Naomi Williams, Ronald Butler, Ethel Collins, Ester L. Brake; 4, Winona Harshman, Daisy Simpson, Virginia Herron, Arlene Wells, Antone C. Minthorn, William Azzolim; 5, Charlie Barnes, Willie D. Nevels, Nick M. Chigaras, Hazel B. Paddock, Jimmie Wilson, Beatrice Robinson; 6, Linda Ward, Rev. E. Preston, Alberta Adams, Ruby Abrams, Mae Guzman, Dorothy Harris; 7, Ernest ViHaskin, Meredith Agnew, Erma LeBlanc, Rosalie M. Boehme, Lillie Swanson, Eloise Brooks.

Seven persons will be chosen from the above group, by the elected group, to represent the Sunnydale area on the Hunters Point-Bayview-Sunnydale Anti-Poverty Area Planning Board of the Economic Opportunity Council of San Francisco.

Out of 792 units, 516 persons voted (or 60% of the units).

HUNTERS POINT

Five persons were chosen on the 19th of July to represent residents of the Hunters View and adjacent sections, according to Mrs. L. Hopkins, District Organizer at 135 Harbor Road.

Those elected were: Geneva Whitfield, Mattie Williams, Marian Thomas and Pauline Ruth.

From the sections of blocks A, B, H, G, I, four adults, and one youth were elected also on the 19th of July to represent the area in which they live.

Those receiving the highest number of votes for board membership (there were no contested seats except the alternate board member who received the lowest number of votes) were: Wilma Whitley, Rev. C. Lee, Evelyn West, Lucille Murry, Agnes Smith (alternate), and James Munson (youth member).

Out of 178 registered in the area, 174 persons voted in affirmation of the candidates. According to Mrs. E. Webb, District Organizer, 369 Northridge Rd.

The third and last area of Hunters Point, comprising sections C, D, E, F, and Harbor Slope, and Hunters Point projects (new), voted also on the 19th for a total of five persons to represent the area. Persons voted at Milton Meyer Center and Gym, Block C Club House and at the District Office, 185 Navy Road, Mrs. M. C. Rivers, District Organizer.

A total of 322 persons cast votes. Those elected were: Bessie Crumbey, Alice Jones, Geraldine Keough from precinct 1; Annie Moore from precinct 2; and Lizzie Johnson from precinct 3.

Four V.I.P. Positions

Thirty-Five Jobs At Hunters Point Anti-Poverty Office

It has been announced by George Napper, Area Director for the Hunters Point Bayview Office of the Economic Opportunity Council that thirty-five new positions were opening at that office in Hunters Point.

Four administrative positions were created, and thirty-one organizing and aide positions were created.

The four administrative positions are new positions in the Hunters Point development program. The new positions were created for broader implementation of existing programs, and the creation of new programs to serve the large area population. The positions as stated by the present Director are: Assistant Director, Program Coordinator, Training Coordinator, and Youth Coordinator.

As assistant director the incumbent will be required to have a background in handling general administrative and managerial responsibilities in supervision, programming, and training; the salary is $900 per month.

As training coordinator the incumbent should have a background in developing methods for compilation of statistical and research material in education, and coordinating efforts of cooperating colleges, universities, and educational systems in developing various training programs; the salary is $700 per month.

As youth coordinator the incumbent will be required to have a background in liaison work with various local and regional youth organizations, and have experience in the development of youth programs, and rehabilitation; the salary is $791 per month.

The applications for the thirty-five positions will be taken until August 5, 1966 at the Hunters Point Bayview E.O.C. office at 1449 Mendell Street, San Francisco, 826-8890. Application blanks may be obtained at the same office, and returned c/o Lillian Harrison.

Butchertown



Mrs. Connie William, owner of Connie's Restaurant, 1466 Haight St., and her nephew, Reggie, a student who just arrived from Trinidad, joined a group of Sam Jordan's friends for a relaxing good time at San Francisco's friendliest neighborhood bar, "Sam Jordan".

Pictured from left to right: Aaron Chapman, Mrs. Lillian Willis, Mrs. Marie Chapman, The Mayor, Mrs. Connie William and Reggie. Sam Jordan says Mrs. William is the only woman he would take second to in preparing African foods.

Don't miss our Thursday night culinary contest where everyone eats good African foods. Tuesday night is customers appreciation night and drinks are 35¢.



"Oh yeah," Warren St. Thomas, 36 years old with 21 years of Army and Air Force time behind him, celebrated his Honorable Discharge a fortnight ago at Sam Jordan's with his lovely wife Veronica. They kept the party live and swinging with their happy cry of "oh yeah", "oh yeah" free at last.

Pictured from left to right: Curtis Berry, Veronica and Warren and Mrs. Margie O'Neal.

Sam Jordan says it is regrettable that the wonderful people who engaged in Civil Disobedience, 63 to 64, are serving and facing jail sentences. Employers and civil government should be planning a gigantic testimonial in their honor for moving San Francisco another step in the direction of San Francisco becoming the city that shows the rest of the world how a people should live in peace.

Outstanding Citizen-YFS Program

Percy Pinkney, recent recipient of the San Francisco Foundation's Outstanding Citizen award outlined the Hunters Point - Youth For Service programs for the remainder of the summer.

Now a Street Director for Youth For Service, Pinkney has had an outstanding record while working in Hunters Point and Bayview, as well as a fine record for community service elsewhere in San Francisco.

SPLASH PARTIES AND MOVIES

Every other Wednesday (July 27, Aug. 10, & 24th) there is a Splash Party at the McLaren Pool. Kids are asked to meet at the Milton Meyer Gymn at 1 p.m. And, every Saturday, movies featuring westerns, science-outer space, and so on, will be held at the Milton Meyer Recreation Center beginning at 1 p.m. Cartoons will also be shown. These movies will be given through Sept. 5th.



Percy Pinkney - Outstanding Citizen (photo credit: Michelle Vigness).

Mr. Acklin Thibeaux is now the local Street Worker for Hunters Point.

PEACE CONFERENCE

On Saturday the 23rd, YFS is sponsoring a Peace Conference at the Mission 'Y' from 10-3 p.m., representatives of all "anti-social" groups will be meeting and are urged to meet.

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FOOD STAMPS

Beginning the 1st of August the California Food Stamp Program will go into operation under the adiminstration of the local Social Service departments (that is, welfare). The local office which will run the program is located at 1360 Mission Street.

WHO CAN GET STAMPS?

The program will be open to both those now on welfare and any family or individual also not on welfare. They must be living in San Francisco, preparing and eating most meals at home, and having a limited income and not many other cash resources. Persons not on welfare are asked to apply or call Mr. Taylor at 558-5579 for an appointment to determine if they are eligible Those already on welfare will receive information from the Department of Social Services.

BETTER MEALS

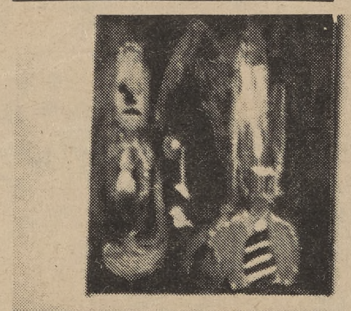
It is a program to help low income families have better meals. For every 75¢ spent a person gets about $1.00 worth of food coupons. In some cases this adds up to around $6.00 more food money, each month, for each person in the family.

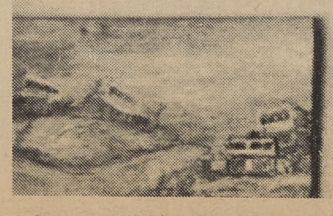
When a family or person is certified as 'eligible' by Social Services, they will be told how many coupons they must buy each month. They will be given a Food Stamp Identification Card. On the first of each month they will be mailed a 'Bank Authorization' card. Before the 25th of the month, this and the identification card can be taken to any one of fifteen Wells Fargo Banks during working hours, to buy the coupons.

The coupons can be used to buy any domestic food for human consumption (except liquor and wine) at any grocery store or marked with a sign showing they accept food coupons.

SF Mime Troupe

On August 13 and 14th beginning at 2 p.m. the celebrated San Francisco Mime Troupe will give the farce play, The Miser, in Hunters Point.





Know Your Welfare Rights!

On March 1st the California Medical Assistance Program became effective. This program provides medical coverage without cost to all AFDC recipients.

The medical card sent out on the first of the month entitles every member of the family listed on the card to care from doctors of their choice and their choice of hospitals. It also pays for dental care and eyeglasses. Medicine, drugs, special braces and appliances, X-rays, ambulance, blood transfusions, hearing aids and home calls by doctors are included in the coverage.

Some items such as extensive dental work need prior approval. The doctor or dentist should call the Medical division of the welfare department for the approval beforehand.

(This colum will try to keep up-to-date on new programs and explain welfare policies. If you have questions about present programs or policies, please contact Robert Ellis at 558-5704.

Road Runners

Amidst an array of home runs, double steals, and double plays, the Road Runners took the Upsetters in Saturday's game 10-9.

The boys were, as usual, very enthusiastic after a week off over the holiday. Although the Upsetters had a 3 to 0 lead in the first inning, they had to fight all the way because the opposing team was out to capture this one. In the fifth inning, the Road Runners went ahead five runs; their hitting was excellent with two homes; then the Upsetters volleyed to pass them to a two run lead.

Not until the ninth inning when the Road Runners tied the score did they feel they could possibly be the loser, and in the 10th inning a hit between first and second with one man on decided the score.

Mr. Smith, their new coach, was so proud because he had not seen such forceful plays without argument or bickering. We constantly commend these boys because they do the least talking and surely the most ball playing.

We are planning a day at the ball park for them very soon.

(Mrs.) Mary C. Rivers
District Organizer

Library Activities

George Alfred, Librarian at the Bayview Public Library, 5009 Third St., reports that the library is having a busy summer.

SMISH - READING CLUB

Summer Mystery Investigation Society Hunt is the summer reading club for boys and girls. Nearly 80 are enrolled, a large delegation, of which, come from the Hunter's Point-Bayview Area who will be awarded certificates in a special ceremony in September.

For younger children, 6-8 years, Mr. Alfred is reading stories and poems every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons at 2:30. Parents are urged to bring their children down to the library for this activity. Older boys and girls should bring their younger brothers and sisters along to the library to listen to the stories and poems, Alfred also stressed.

(Pictures here.....)

ART GALLERY

The library will also be an art gallery during the summer months. Neighborhood artists are being invited to show their works at the library, and during the month of July paintings by Henry Kellum and Larry Ross are being featured.

Everyone is invited to drop in and see the work of these talented young men. There are also many new books in the collection that is growing and improving daily which can be checked out.









DISTRICT ORGANIZER'S REPORT
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New Boys Club Organized

Lessie Hopkins, District Organizer of the Harbor Slope section of Hunters Point informed the Spokesman that a new boys group had been recently organized by her office.

The boys had been seen in the area from time to time with nothing to do. Mrs. Hopkins got the idea that there must be something that these boys could do in their spare time. Thinking this, she called the boys in and had them to organize themselves; after informing them of the proper way they would go about organizing themselves. The boys had the privilege of choosing their own officers.

Mrs. Hopkins found it somewhat complicated to find someone to manage the boys until two students from State College volunteered to take the responsibility. The two young men are Art Bruzzone and Jim Hudson.

The group call themselves the "Marauders". Art and Jim stated that they plan to have the boys go on outings, participating in different athletic activities and other recreational activities that the boys might choose to do among themselves.



Mrs. Lessie Hopkins, extreme left, pictured with her staff and her recently organized boys club, the "Marauders".



Babysitting at 183 Navy Road - A Service of the District Office.

CO-OP Plans Special Membership Meeting

It was recently announced that the CO-op will hold a special membership meeting on August 25, 1966 at the Bayview Community Center Auditorium at Mendell and Newhall Streets at 8 P.M.

The meeting is the last plea for the support of the members, and will follow a "Life and Death" letter that was sent to the membership.

Receipt records indicate that approximately 80% of the membership is not supporting the store. A spokesman for the group stated that the purpose of the meeting is to make the members knowledgeable of their needed support, and possible consquences if they fail to support their market.

Hunters Point - Bayview Area Board Meeting

After a brief period of absence, the Hunters Point-Bayview Area Board met in the cafeteria section of the Community center, Tuesday July 12.

Members of the old planning board and newly elected members from the Alice Griffith area were present at the meeting. The newly elected members from Alice Griffith were introduced to the audience.

New programs coming to the area such as the Summer Youth Program, the Redevelopment program, the Butchertown Project and other programs that would directly affect the Hunters Point area were discussed.

Presentations of speakers representing different groups that have programs, and projects directly affecting the Hunters Point community, spoke to the Board and the audience concerning their proposals. The purpose of the speakers were to bring out the basic points of each proposal, or project, in order that the board may discuss the proposal for approval or rejections.

Speakers present were Bill Bradley, President of CORE (S.F. Chapter). Bradley asked the support of the Area Board by passing a resulution to aid the people who were recently jailed for participating in a sit-in and lay-in on Sheraton-Palace and Auto Row Cadillac. Bradley stated that these people were in the process of serving time in San Bruno. A mass rally was scheduled to be held Sunday at 2 P.M. in front of City Hall in protest to the action taken by the State.

Mr. Hall introduced the Homemaker Project Proposal to the Board. Within this proposal 120 jobs are offered to adults, ages 45 years and over. Each applicant that is accepted will go through a training period for four months, and will be paid a salary of $300 a month while in training. Approximately 60% of the applicants will come from each of the four poverty areas. The Board approved the proposal unanimously.

Percy Steele, representative from the Urban League spoke on the Job Development Project at the local E.O.C. Area Office. The Urban League is presently attempting to get a Job Development program started at the Hunters Point Area Office. Steele introduced the proposal to the Board. The Board approved the Job Development Proposal.

Also present at the meeting was Mr. Kutchins, who explained the O.R. Bail Project, and Mr. Scott, from the Human Rights Commission.



Pictured are members of the present Area Planning Board and recently elected members from the Alice Griffith area.

Brandon Visits Hunters Point Area

Everet Brandon, Executive Director of the Anti-Poverty program in San Francisco, took time from his busy schedule to visit all the Area offices in Hunters Point.

While in Hunters Point, Brandon had the chance to meet staff members and visit the District offices that are located throughout the Hunters Point Area.

Brandon stated that Washington was extremely proud of the progress made in Hunters Point. As a result, the Hunters Point Program has been funded for another six and one half months, which, as he stated, "is quite creditable to the Hunters Point-Bayview community and the O.E.O. program as a whole." He stated that the San Francisco Anti-Poverty Program acts somewhat as an idol for other poverty programs throughout the nation.

While at the Hunters Point office, Brandon met with George Napper and some of the staff to discuss some of the future plans of the program and what could be expected in the future.

Block Club News

WEST POINT IMPROVEMENT CLUB

The West Point Improvement Club will meet for a very important meeting on the 28th of July. All Block Club members are urged to attend.

On the 14th the club met to hear Mr. Clay Poward, Community Assistant.

PROGRESSIVE CITIZEN'S CLUB

On July 13th the second meeting of Progressive Citizen's Club was held at Mrs. Menifee's home. The guest speaker was Miss Little, Chairman of the Welfare Committee. Members gathered more information on how to go about attacking the PG & E problem.

The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Genochio's home, 75 Northridge Road on Wednesday, July 27th at 7:30 p.m.

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'Art Freedom'

A festival for "disenfranchised" artists is in the making. After an announcement by San Francisco poet, Allen Ginsberg that many talented artists in the City are being ignored, plans are being made by the newly formed "Artists' Liberation Front".

Besides a five-day art festival, the group is "tired of asking the City for help", and raising their own patronage. One plan will be to bring theater, painting, music to the people in the under-privileged neighborhoods.

Their next meeting is Monday, July 25th at 8 p.m. at the Fillmore Auditorium. Everybody is welcome. The invitation for artists especially.

CREDIT UNION NOTICE

AMERICANS ARE STILL GOING BROKE at a booming rate, despite all that cash we are suppose to have in our pockets. In 1965 there were more than 163,000 bankruptcies. These bankruptcies are up 16 times since 1946. In the same period credit has increased 13.5 times, and the population has gone up one-third. Another 28,000 persons filed under Chapter 13, the wage earning plan, last year. This plan is honest and honorable. Many receive bad advice and take bankrupcy, not realizing that the bad credit rating will follow them for years. When our credit committee receives an application for a loan from one who has taken bankruptcy, their answer is NO. Very few have an explanation which will change the decision.

COMING! SOON! TO YOUR DISTRICT OFFICE:
CO-OPERATIVE
BABY SITTING
TIME: 9:30 to 12:00
or 2:00 to 5:00
AGE LIMIT: 3 to 6 YEARS
PLANNED PROGRAMING
FOR INFORMATION
PHONE 647-6630

Editorial

With the emergence of the Black Panther political structure of the south, and the talk of Black Power unrest that brinks on pandemonium has spread throughout the nation. Mass media has given national coverage reminisce of the Black Muslim scare, and the population is reacting as though someone had pushed the panic button.

Black Power? It's thought of like a disease, if you don't nip in the bud it will get out of hand. So mass media sets out to put the Black Power concept in an unfavorable light, first by soliciting unfavorable comments from so-called Negro leaders, and second by painting it as an irrational, and radical concept.

The champion of civil rights, Martin Luther King, the $100,000 Nobel prize winner, stated that he did not agree with the concept of Black Power, because of the Black Nationalist connotations it was creating. The idea of Black Power v. White Power is not the way to achieve integration and harmony in this country is what King seems to be saying. He believes that a striving for Black Power is a striving toward violence, and violence will only lead to destruction and not progress. And he openly states that passive resistence is the only way to resolve the racial problem in America. To the Nobel prize winner Black Power is synonymous with violence, and this he says cannot be tolerated.

Roy Wilkins, NAACP chief, recently stated that he thought that the concept of Black Power would only confuse the Negro's fight for equality in America, because it was a radical approach to the civil rights problem, and that his organization could not endorse it.

The supposedly liberal Vice President, Hubert Humphery, stated that he thought the concept of Black Power would hinder the progress made in civil rights, because the country could not afford racism of any kind, and that we must all work together without any "Black Power" or "White Power."

It is obvious that whites are not the only ones that are opposed to a black power, some blacks are also opposed, at least that is the impression they give publicly.

The strange part about it is that everyone seems to be saying that Black Power means violence, no matter how much its advocates try to explain that all they're talking about is giving the Negro an ability to influence and direct its plight in this country. The ability to become a part of the economical and political mainstream of this country.

But it seems that every time you mention the idea of Black Power, opponents envision regiments of blacks with guns and weapons a coming to destroy, and take over the white establishment. It just seems that there is something about "Black Power", "Black Sunday", "Black Magic", or "Black" anything that frightens everyone. You don't have to know what it's all about -- just call it Black and people will say it's no good.

I suspect that had it been called "Brown Power" it would have been different....BES.

N.A.A.C.P. Loses Pace

In the National Membership Meeting of the N.A.A.C.P. it was suggested by one of the regional heads that one of the committees hold their meeting in the Watts area. However, the suggestion was met with disapproval by many of the attending members.

It was felt that meeting in the Watts area might lead to eruptions by Black Nationalists, or some of the more militant groups.

From all view points it is apparent that the NAACP, the onetime leading organization in the fight for civil rights is losing its reputation as an organization that is fighting for the cause of the Negro, and is slowly falling to the background as militant organizations like CORE (Congress Of Racial Equality) and SNCC (Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee) have come to the foreground as aggressive and militant organizations fighting for the cause of the Negro.

The NAACP known in the past for its tenacious legal battles, has in some way lost its effectiveness after myriads of legislation has been passed and stocked. Today's times are viewed as times of action, and today's generation cannot wait for social reform by mere legislation--they want equality now.

Today's action groups are CORE and SNCC, the organizations that specialize in marches and sit-ins, want to cause change now, not legislate change for tomorrow.

For the past few years the NAACP has sponsored many membership drives, and yet the membership is dwindling. Presently the organization is thriving off the support of its old members that are for the most part middle-aged, and conservative in their attitude towards civil rights. This fact was exemplified in the recent general-national meeting where the majority of the members present were middle-aged.

The younger set does not find the organization (NAACP) to be an attractive one, because of its conservative and old fashioned approach towards civil rights. The failure of the NAACP to win the support of the youth is undoubtedly one of the major reasons why the membership of the organization is not growing.

How Many Times.....

'BAN THE BORN!', DIALOG, (a union social worker magazine) the little voices in the wilderness of frozen bureaucracy known as welfare has, "for the time being", been stilled. Thanks to V.D. Phelps, who makes it a habit of name calling when he does not agree with somebody. We hope we have not heard the last of those social workers who strive to act and speak the truth and serve people instead of obscure policy . . . OVERHEARD in the lobby of the Hilton Hotel during a recent picketing by civil rights groups: "Well, I thought that kind of thing was now illegal," remarked one well dressed lady. "No mam," came a reply, "this isn't Nazi-Germany!"... yet...WOW!, proud papa, Harold Brooks, a GIRL, 7 lbs. 12 ox

12 ozs...wow again! . . . WHAT really is the Union stall with the new proposed City equal opportunity in hiring policy? Is it that possibly these unions have gone the way of the rest of the white middle-class--up and out of the arena of public responsibility. Otherwise, high affluency but low human rights! . . . DON'tT miss the birds on the July cover of RAMPARTS magazine, something c r a z y! . . . BY-THE-WAR, did you know that the estimate is that for every Viet Cong that is killed, between three and six civilians die? . . . BLACK POWER, story has it that after LeRoy Wilkins left the recent NAAP meet he passed south through a town now yet desegregated and was turned away from an entrance marked 'colored' . . . YOU MISSED THE CHRONICLE headline a while back: "Study of Sexual Response In Humans"--under which there also was a headline that read: "15 Injured In Big Pileup"....."Let the Poor pay for Vietnam!" . . . that is the war cry of Congress as an outgrowth and probable reason for cuts in new Community Action Programs and some other aspects of the War On Poverty programs . . . STORY elsewhere concerning harassment of Hunters Point Negro youth points vividly to the fact that so-called "riots" have been really perpetrated by whites. The recent law (Anti-Riot on 'Anti-Negro'?) is a good example of further white-supremecy in action, avoiding the real issues of Watts elsewhere . . . WHY, all of a sudden have all these SF Agencies been getting on the bandwagon for commutation of the 1964 sit-in sentences, WHERE were they yesterday? Otherwise, why do some people only act in the name of HUMAN RIGHTS by consensus and not conscience??? . . . If LBJ is not interested "in black or white power" and concerned with "democratic power" why doesn't he kick some of the white power advocates out of his own state? Trouble is, Black Power is needed if the humanity is going to survive and turn away from the war lovin-hell bent to distruction Western philosophy of present white power

Youth Speaks

By Allen Harrison

On the third Thursday of every month there is a meeting of the Executive Board of Directors of the Bayview Neighborhood Community Center.

The board is composed of a number of adults from different neighborhoods, and financial backgrounds. But a striking aspect in the situation is that many more than just a simple majority come from middle class areas and private homes, rather than housing projects and poverty areas.

For the most part they are homeowners with little knowledge or concern for this area and its interests. In their relentless arguing, they seem to be tryong to demoralize the people, and complicate the center's problems in a long drawn out round about way.

It is quite easy to sit back and write or orally complain about any board or organization. The real challenge comes in finding answers and solutions to these problems. I am only one person and not an extremely intelligent one at that. The only thing that I can do to remedy the situation at all is to raise my own personal type of hell by means of this article and by direct criticism to the board.

Here again I call upon you to help save YOUR Community Center! Come to the board meetings and support the people who are trying to get youth and interested adults on the board.

I can imagine what the response to this article will be. But I intend to keep trying. Sooner or later, probably later, people are going to realize that their Communities are on a long, down-hill slide, to Hades. When things start getting hot, and you're too far gone to turn around, you won't have to look back and say, "Why didn't somebody tell us?" Listen, read, and try to understand your problems.

ACTION & HONESTY

If the majority of Community Action Programs throughout the 'Great Society' are participating in the so-called bold step to end poverty, and so forth, and so forth, it's news to us.

With a few exceptions, the principle thrust of the Anti-Poverty program has been for most of the poor the experience of a rather grating society. This most deliberate failure on the part of most Community Action programs is not just the result of not letting the poor participate or 'political pornography'. But rather the lack of honest and forthright action on the part of those responsible for implementing policy, direction and programs.

From the top down to local directors and organizers there has been a lack of real daring, imagination and willingness to carry through to reality the dream of ending poverty and affecting the poor.

One failure is the neurotic necessity to keep one eye on Washington, and the other symbols of establishment responsible for their existence, consequently they can only half-way see the needs of the poor, let alone have time to listen to them. Besides this, their index-finger is always on the panic button of personal security, for fear their own position is at threat. These are often the same persons who coldly make their way up the ladder of security until they reach a bureaucratic position which offers the least possible challenge to their small imaginations.

On the other hand, there is the person who may claim certain qualifications for working in Anti-Poverty programs, but as it soon becomes obvious, he is not really any good. This is partly a result of sentimentality on the part of society today in putting too much value on so-called credentials. The true nature of working in the ghetto is therefore foreign to them. But, what is most tragic is their own, and other responsible people's unwillingness to admit their shortcomings.

Inherent in any Community Action program that is going to have real meaning and significance for the people of the ghetto, are certain risks. Therefore such a program should be taken with bold steps without the fear of reprisals. The fact that if the program is completely or any way near successful, most of the insecurity would then work itself out of existence, seems to have never occurred to anybody.

Let us face it! To fight poverty and the ghetto is to fight certain establishments, certain people in high places, and many more in between. To merely join in the evil ways of a system will in no way cure the system, but only add to the number of featherbedders. And never can risks be avoided at the expense of the people to be served, because of imminent personal threat to oneself. Once a person decides to take up the cause of fighting in the front line of the battle for full human rights, and human relations, he has taken on a unique responsibility which he cannot under any circumstances, or should not back away from.

True that those engaged in the war on poverty are in a unique position to mediate with the establishment and if honestly qualified, even speak for the poor. But, such a semi-official status is not a license for abusing this unique place in social history to either fight 'down town' out of sheer hate, or become a demagogue to those one really works for, the poor.

Bayview Center Activities

Miss Bayview Efforts

On July the 23rd beginning at 6 p.m. a "Trip Around the World" progressive dinner, sponsored by Bells Chapel, CME, will be held. The meals will begin at the Community Center and are free to all Miss Bayview contestants.

On August the 6th, all Miss Bayview contestants and last year's entrants will hold a motor cade beginning at 3 p.m. at the Center. The route will take the young ladies through Hunters Point, Alice Griffith, Potrero, the Filmore, and finally the Lakeview districts.

The Miss Bayview contestants are really working hard to win a new '66 Mustang. This grand prize will be given to the young lady with the highest number of votes over ten thousand on September 4th.

The gala event will take place at the Bayview Center (a non-profit agency).

At first place at this time is Miss Carolyn Nelson who is sponsored by the Bayview Sportsman. Second place is Miss Helen White, sponsored by Club Morallo, 543 Divisadero. And third place is Miss Chansler La Droux, sponsored by the Army Circle Car Wash, 33 Bayshore.

James Brown Visit (Picture Below)

Brenda Washington, current Miss Bayview is shown below with James Brown, renown Blues singer and entertainer. Also pictured is Miss Reynolds, Vocational Counselor at the Center, and also director of the annual fund drive. They are urging residents to help select this years Miss Bayview by purchasing a chance on a new 1966 automobile. Votes may be purchased from any of the contestants or at the Center, 4701 - Third St., AT5-3317.

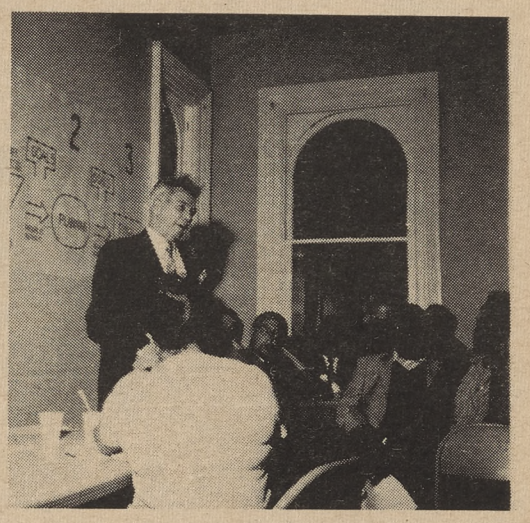


Left to Right: Current Miss Bayview, Brenda Washington, James Brown, and Miss Reynolds. (Photo credit: Frank Mendez)

SF Redevelopment Meets With Residents



Staff of S.F. Redevelopment Agency: Pictured from left to right are: Jerry Belcher, Senior Planner; L. P. Lewis, Community Services Advisor; T'ing Pei, Intern; Walter Gaby, Chief of Planning; Hal Dunleavy, Consultant; Julia B. Smith, Chief of Community Services; M. Justin Herman, Executive Director and William A. Kellar, Project Manager.



H. Dunleavy, Housing Consultant, discusses some of the basic features of the Redevelopment Project.

The San Francisco Redevelopment Agency met with residents from the Hunters Point - Bayview area for the purpose of discussing plans for the Housing Project that is to begin very soon.

This meeting is the first meeting between the agency and the Hunters Point residents.

According to William A. Kellar, Project Manager, the primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss with the residents some of the plans that will be used in carrying out the project. Also discussed at the meeting was the selection of contractors for doing the job.

Kellar introduced the members of the staff to the group and each staff member spoke to the group concerning the particular phase of the project that he was connected with.

The project (sometimes referred to as the demonstration project) is to be part of a master housing plan for the entire city, in which Hunters Point and Butchertown is to be an intricate part.

Members of the staff who spoke to the group were William A. Kellar, Project Manager of Hunters Point; Jerry Belcher, Senior Planner of Hunters Point; Julia Smith, Chief Community Services of S.F.R.A.; H. Dunleavy, Housing Consultant and M. Justin Herman, Executive Director of S.F.R.A..

The Hunters Point site office is located at 1562 McKinnon Avenue, Ph. 826-4712.

"WAR ON POVERTY" SHOW SIGNS OF VICTORY

Sargent Shriver, director of the anti-poverty program, has estimatied that poverty can be eradicated from American life within 10 years at a cost of from $30 to $50 billion.

Shriver told Johnson yesterday "the war on poverty can and is being won" but that the program is failing to reach half of the nation's poor. Shriver delivered this report on an over - night visit at the LBJ ranch.

In his report, Shriver cited what he considered a hopeful change in attitude by public officals toward the poverty program.

At a conference several weeks ago, the nations mayors urged congress to appropriate an additional $250 million to fight poverty, Shriver said. Only a year ago, he observed, the mayors were objecting to the way the program was being handled.

According to Shriver, the nations governors are reporting the tremendous progress of the poverty program in their states.

For example, Job Corps centers now are turning out some 4,000 to 5,000 graduates a month and placing them in jobs paying an average of $1.68 an hour.

Shriver's statement that it would take approximately 10 years, at cost of from $30 to $50 billion to eradicate poverty, is a wise idea. It gives planners and budget personnel something specific on which to concentrate their effort. On the basis of such figures alone a hard look can be taken at the entire program, which has been regretably marked by considerable confusion and controversy.

The 10 years cost, it is noted might be less than a single year's expenditure on national undertakings. In other words, in Shriver's view, the elimination of poverty is feasible in America, and if it is feasible, it should be done.

A Chance To Live

By Mary C. Rivers

I am reminded of a story about a little man, who, although he had a physical handicap, it did not stop him from achieving his goal, as I set out to achieve in my job.

This little man's desire to forge ahead was illustrious. His wife and three children were very happy because his every thought was in their behalf and their concern. Daily as he went about his work, he thought of the home he might someday acquire in an area heretofore denied him. Each day on his way home, he would look at a beautiful house along the way in an exclusive area.

One day, it was up for sale. The little man ventured in to the Real Estate office to inquire about the house. With a smile, the office secretary asked of him, "Can I help you?"

His reply was, "Perhaps you can. I am interested in the house on Nile Street which is for sale. How much is it?"

The attendant gave him the price and they discussed the down payment and all details. In fact, they discussed all necessary angles. The attendant was very courteous and very co-cooperative. She knew about this little man's desires and his achievements. She knew of his desire to have this particular house. When she had finalized all areas of doubt, she asked of her client, "Well sir, do you wish to buy the home?"

He looked thoughtfully at its beauty (the picture was in technicolor), and for a moment didn't answer. Then with a deep smile he said, "No, I never really wanted to buy it. I'm happy where I am. I have enough money to purchase this house and a good job to carry the burden of it's keep. No, I don't want to buy it, but thank you so much for giving me the privilege of buying where I want and at the price I choose. For this privilege, I thank you very much."

Band Focuses On Next Year

Our sincerest thanks to each of you for making BAND's Open House a success.

At this point in the BAND program, the next year is focused on Consumer Education and the "DO's and "DON'TS" of buying.

Consumer Counseling: Classes are conducted in Sewing, Cooking, Furniture and Automobile buying, so the poor will not be cheated, and will be able to stretch their dollars.

Consumer Organization: Neighborhood Action Councils are established. The poor participates in the decision making. The grant directs BAND to promote cooperative organizations called local councils and credit unions. Without your help in your capacities as Credit Union representatives, and without your coopperation and selfless giving of your time, the program would have died.

The program continues to grow and realize more and more its original aims of promoting two-way communication in the community.

The Golden Age Club of BAND: We have a group of senior citizens working together in close harmony. We will build a cultrual organization in which the senior citizens of our community can take great pride. Let's go forward to build a better club in our community.

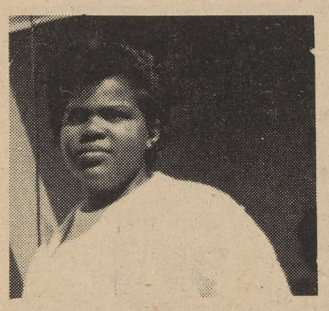
The BEE's Youth Group: BAND is proud of the 21-member youth group meetings held on Thursday night at 8 p.m. at BAND's office. Look to the youth to expand their services. The median age in the United States today is 27 years and will be under 25 in less than 5 years. More girls are married at the age of 18 and more men at the age of 21 than at any other age. So, youth need Consumer Education.

Won't you add your support to this worthwhile endeavor? THIS IS YOUR PROGRAM--MAKE IT A GOOD ONE!

VOLUNTEERS WANTED! If you would like to help plan or carry out any of these activities, please contact the Area Office.

The Man On The Street

Question: "What do you think of the Summer Work Project?"



THERESIA TOMPINS – A business machine operator in the Anti-Poverty office.

"Its O.K. Seems like a lot of fun to me and I like to work a lot. Especially do I like going on the recreation trips. I also like the other persons in the program and think that the pay is all right for what I'm learning.



JOANN DEARMAN – A receptionist at the Bayview Center.

"I like it because it gives us something to do. Keep us off the street. Now we will have a little money to spend. In general it also gives us expierence so next summer we'll have a little money to spend. have a chance for a better job.

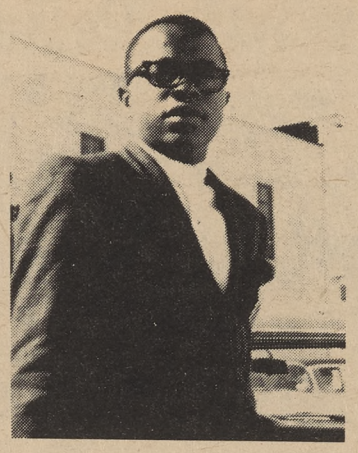
ELI HARRIS – General office worker at the Shipyard in Hunters Point

"I think its a good program for the Negro youth. I'm hopes they will keep it up and have it again next year."



CARRY MOBLEY – Switch-Board operator at the YOC.

Some of those working with us don't know enough about what we are doing. As a result some kids have been hostile toward the project. I feel they, in general, are doing a good job, (the adults) they have been trying. But as yet, they don't know the kids good enough."



DARNELL MOORE – Team Leader with the Sunnydale Area Anti-Poverty office.

To a certain degree its got its good and bad points. Due to the fact of the length of time coordinatord had to set up the program, a person sort of expects a few descrepencies. But, however, it has been beneficial to team leaders and youth members. In the future it will improve, but it got a slow start. I think later more emphesis on the selection of team leaders and superviosrs. Because people who are working on the project have to be interested themselves inorder to motivate the youth.



SHELIA WILSON – A typist and filing clerk at the Anti-Poverty office.

"Its fairly good. And all right for youth to have a future reference with. I feel that if the kids want to work 8 hours they ought to be able to and get double pay. I do think the adults that are working here don't have enough confidence in the team leaders. Both older and young should get together at the start of the project. They jived us around for a while. The adults should work with and not for you!

Picket Win At Hilton

SF CORE AND NAACP, after negotiations and recent mass picketing, has reached an agreement for the reinstatement with all rights and benefits for the 19 Negro maids fired at the Hilton Hotel.

The matter is not completely settled though. Besides the "unfair dismissal of the maids" there is the matter of "unfair discrimination in hiring by the Hotel Employers Association."

Picketing therefore will continue, but is directed at the Association, until "an anti-discrimination pact" is signed by all members of the Hotel Employers Association. According to Bill Bradley of SF CORE.

Youth Participation In Community Action YPCA

"...The central problem is to protect and restore man's satisfaction in belonging to a community where he can find security and significance," said President Johnson in 1965. Six youths of the Bayview-Hunters Point area are currently employed in the novel Youth Participation in Community Action Project, in a massive effort "to protect and restore satisfaction and significance" of community youth.

This is a federal training grant from the OEO in Washington and is administered by the California Youth Authority. It involves: Virginia Carter, Allen Harrison, Henry Kellum, Milton Otis, Brenda Washington, and Lenneal Henderson. Harold Brooks and Phil Kay are the volunteer supervisors. The project is under the administration and sponsorship in this area of the Bayview Neighborhood Community Center.

YPCA was initiated in February and, after preliminary difficulties, has smoothly developed into an active and virulent program for youth. Each team member serves the dual capacity of Trainee for the project and assistant to various community youth programs. The team has actively and articulately participated in the Governor's Youth Conferences, three municipal youth conferences, and three project training sessions.

The team has also been attributed with being one of the major factors in maintaining and sustaining the novel Governor's Youth Action Committee, a newly developed youth council designed with the dual purpose of implementing the myriad of recommendations which evolved from both Governor's Conferences, and reciprocally assisting existing municipal youth projects, organizations, and agencies.

Mr. Henry Kellum has recently been elected to the ten-man Executive committee of the GYAC.

TEAM SURVEY

The team's major project is the development of an illustrated community survey, designed to vividly depict the forlorned and miserable conditions of this community. The survey will include a succint history of the area, numc s photographs and ..t work, comments and opinions from community residents, and a brief report on future redevelopment and municipal improvement programs.

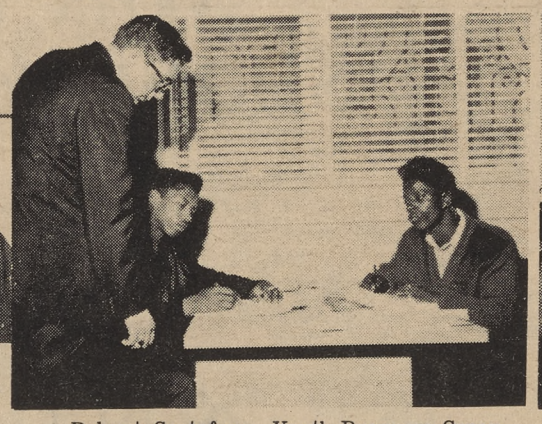
The project will be developed in conjunction with the Urban Renewal as a service to their survey for the proposed Cities Demonstration Project. The team has already accumulated substantial community information from the Redevelopment, the Planning Commission, City Administrator, and the Human Rights Commission.

The team supervisors have procured photography equipment, and the team has developed a survey questionnaire for obtaining comments and opinions from residents.

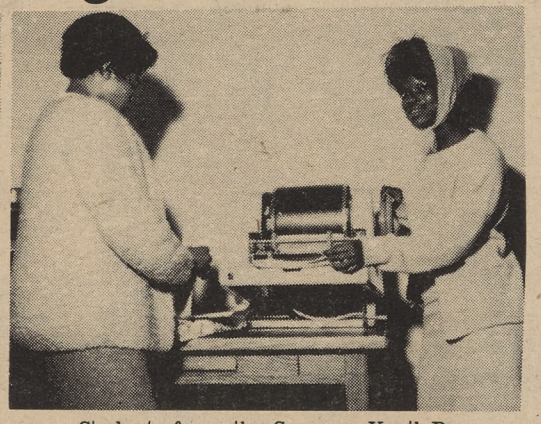
Future projects for the team include: 1) an attempt to consolidate all youth organizations and agencies in the area into a Bayview Youth Council, 2) the development of an in-service program, with speakers, films, and discussion groups, and 3) the development of a Big Brother program.

The activities and projects of the team are not limited solely to team members, but are intended to involve all interested youth in promulgating community awareness and activity. And, within its projects, the YPCA will attempt to affect a larger youth voice in this community.

Summer Youth Program Continues To Progress



Robert Spatafore, Youth Program Supervisor, standing, with Team Leaders, going over weekly plans for team members.



Students from the Summer Youth Program doing various jobs for experience purposes.

According to Robert Belton, Project Director of the Summer Youth and Recreation Program, the program is moving at a moderate pace with a few minor complications here and there.

Belton stated that the program was having a few organizational problems. One of the main problems is the difficulty in placing many of the youths in job positions which would enable them to develop practical skill and experience in certain areas. Belton felt that many of the problems arose because of the lack of industry in the community.. Most of the merchants in the Bayview-Hunters Point are somewhat reluctant about hiring some of the youth that have applied for jobs. Many merchants show willingness to hire the youth but state that they cannot, because of certain restraints placed on them by their unions. After contacting the unions, they also verified the merchants statement that they would have to hire through them. (the union)

Presently, Belton feels that the program is not progressing as it should. Many of the youth feel somewhat disillusioned at some of the jobs they have gotten. They feel that many of the jobs that they have gotten do not offer enough experience, which was supposed to have been the primary objective for getting jobs for the youth. As Belton stated, the program is only in its second week, and it is hoped that things will get better as the program proceeds.

Regardless to the problems that the program has experienced, there has been some For example, three (3) boys were placed at KEAR radio station. While there, they will be learning to operate I.B.M. machines and other broadcasting equipment. Ten (10) boys were placed at the Neighborhood Co-op. They will be learning the essentials of stocking groceries and supplies.

BAND Moves To New Location

Mrs. Osceola Washington, Director of BAND, informed the SPOKESMAN that she and her entire staff have moved to their new location, at 4701 Third Street, in the Bayview Community Center.

BAND moved into the Community Center on July 13, along with all of the departments that were at its old location, which was at 1562 McKinnon Avenue.

Mrs. Washington stated that moving would be to the advantage of BAND, since the Community Center represented the center of community activity.

At present, stated Mrs. Washington, things seems to be a little congested, but after a few minor adjustments, everything should begin to work out fine.

Mrs. Washington and her staff seem to be happy with their new location, but as it was previously stated, their are many improvements and changes that will have to be made before they can be completely situated.

BAND can be reached at its new phone number, 282-4515.

TRIP CAUSES ALARM

A trip to the S.F. Wax Museum on Saturday, July 9th for a Hunters Point Community Worker and ten local youth turned almost into a complete tragedy.

After leaving the end of the cable car line near Fisherman's Wharf, Sammie Colbert and the youth were accosted by two older men who used racist and other obscene language.

Then, after the group left the museum and headed down the Embarcadero, minding their own business, they were given their second dose of what could only be called "Frisco hospitality". A local car carrying young men pulled along side the group and used abusive language, and the same tired old white racist inferences. This time it took all the talent of the community worker to cool down some of the Hunters Point youth, who by that time had just about "all we could stand from them sick people."

"The shocking part about it is I didn't believe that white people in San Francisco and this particular area would harass people in this day and time. This is the sort of thing you get in Mississippi," Miss Colbert concluded.

Sex Education

Dear Ruth..

Mrs. Ruth Williams is Coordinator of the Planned Parenthood Birth Control Education Project in Hunters Point. She will talk with you regularly about family planning and related subjects. This column is designed to answer your questions, so please feel free to ask them. A letter to Mrs. Williams, Planned Parenthood, 4701 Third Street, San Francisco 94124, will bring a prompt answer either in the column or by mail.

Dear Mrs. Williams:

I am seventeen years old. My husband and I have only been married for six months, and I am already pregnant with our first baby. I have been to see the doctor but I was too shy to ask him any personal questions about sex and having babies. I hope you will answer my question. Is it dangerous to have intercourse during pregnancy? Couldn't it cause twins?

G. V.

Dear G. V.:

No, it could not cause twins, Twins can only be "caused" in two ways. Either your body releases two eggs instead of one and your husband's seed meets with both of them (thus "starting" two babies), or the egg in its earliest stages splits in half and two babies grow.

But when you become pregnant, your body "knows" that it must not release any more eggs. So there is no possibility that intercourse during pregnancy can cause a second pregnancy. Most doctors believe it is safe to have relations up until the last few weeks of pregnancy.

Since this is your first baby and you probably have many more questions, I would suggest that you and your husband attend classes for parents-to-be. They are usually conducted at hospitals by doctors and nurses. Check to see if such classes will be held at the hospital where your baby will be delivered. The local Red Cross also conducts classes like this. They are also given by the Mission Neighborhood Association and by the Health Centers in Chinatown and Sunset districts of San Francisco.

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Dear Ruth,

We have six children and my husband and me and my mother. Our house is little and we only have four rooms. Our baby sleeps in a box by our bed. We have no place to put any more children and I hear about birth control but don't know how I can keep from having more children. Can you help us?

Mother of Six

Dear Mother of Six:

Yes, of course I can suggest where you can go for help to keep from having any more children, and it is easy to understand that your house is too small and even though you didn't mention it, the budget is probably much too small too. Proving your six with love, caring for their daily needs, helping them over the rough places -- you are going to have your hands full for the next few years.

I'm going to suggest that you make an appointment with the Planned Parenthood Clinic nearest to where you live, at 1641 LaSalle St., corner of Third Street. The doctors and nurses there will explain the various ways you can keep from having any more babies and will help you decide which way is best for you. So, make an appointment soon, by phoning 648-0241 which is the clinic's number, or call me here at 282-0441 and I'll arrange it for you. Don't put it off!

Homemaking Training

A Homemaking Training Program will start the 27th of July at the District office at 369 Northridge Rd., in Hunters Point.

The program is for welfare recipients. Screening will be done through the District office. Phone Mrs. Webb or her staff at 647-6630 for any other information.

Training will be in such areas as general homemaking, shopping, budgeting, sewing, and so on. There will also be a number of field trips to parts of the City.

Job Information

Applications are now being accepted for the following job openings: (1) key-punch operators, (2) clerk steno (3) apprentice positions (4) comtometer operators and others.

Center Gets Pre-School Program

The Bayview Neighborhood Community, 4701 Third Street, started operation on the 18th of July of their newly approved pre-school program. The school is under the Compensatory Education Programs of the State Board of Education.

The school is open in the main auditorium from 10-2 p.m. (tentative) five days a week to children ages 3-5 years. The teachers are Melarie Malvo (head teacher) and Ora George. Aids: Vera Draper, Dorthy Simpson and Doris Phillipps. There also are thirty volunteer parents involved in the program who will visit with the children and accompany them on field trips and so on.

Play space will also be utilized in the recreation center across the street on Mendell.

Teachers have already received inservice training in Sacramento and at UC Davis.

The program is for $40,386.54. The capacity of the school is thirty children. It will be operated 241 days of the year. The contract is for one year.

It is an extremely extensive program designed to reach and motivate disadvantaged children of the Hunters Point community.

Youth CorpsExtended

The Neighborhood Youth Corps Project of San Francisco celebrated on July 14th its first anniversary with the word from Congressman Phil Burton's announcement that the federal government will contribute $483,400 toward its continued operation for another year.

Word was sent to Orville Luster (Youth For Service) project director, that the Labor Department had approved an extension of the project which provides work-experience opportunities for young men and women who have dropped out of school.

Under the program 100 young men and 65 young women--all residents of San Francisco's poverty pockets--will be placed in on-the-job training positions with various non-profit organizations.



Youth For Service and Doris Thomas (center, Burton's Representative).

Burtons Criticize Civil Rights Sentences

Congressman Phil and his brother, Assemblyman John Burton joined in criticizing as "unduly harsh" the sentences given civil rights demonstrators as a result of the Sheraton Palace and Auto Row demonstrations of 1964.

"There can be no question but that the sentences are unduly harsh considering the nature of the misdemeanor charges against the defendants," Congressman Burton stated.

"It is still within the power of the judges to reduce the sentences and this should be done. If not, it is within the power of Governor Brown to commute the sentences and I would strongly urge him to do so."

Assemblyman John Burton summed it up this way:

"One cannot escape the feeling that the sentences are a conscious attempt to discourage those who feel strongly about civil rights from participating in public demonstrations.

"If that is so, I do not believe it will succeed. Where there is mass discrimination, there will be mass demonstrations. Civil Rights activists have proved that direct mass action can achieve in a relatively short time what years of discussion and deliberation could not achieve.

"The Sheraton-Palace and Auto Row activities were a necessary complement to the Fair Employment Practices Act of 1959. They accomplished results which the law of itself could not accomplish."

Servant Of The Community

Lee Harvey



Having lived in the Bayview-Hunters Point area for the past twenty years, Lee Harvey comes well qualified as a spokesman for the community.

He has been a member of the NAACP, Negro American Labor Council, CORE, Bayview-Hunters Point Community Center, and many more organizations. A very active member at the Center when the emphasis was 'Jobs' along Third Street. He served on the committee that opened negotiations with Super Save and Siri stores. Served as the chairman of the Apprenticeship Committee in the Negro Labor Council.

AWARD WINNER

In 1958 he received the Gold Award from the NAACP for outstanding service on the membership committee.

Among his hobies are baseball and football. And he is also a weekend "Goofer" (golfer), as he puts it. He relates that when he was a kid, every baseball picture was a Satchel Paige and all footballers were "Big Daddy's."

In his opinion he "has seen this community come a long way toward community organization and participation."

GREATEST NEED

But, "the greatest need at this time is -- MORE MEN WORKING to make this a better community."

Lee is married, he and his wife, Oler, have a proud family of five children and seven grandchildren. Lee and his wife reside at 23 Navy Road, in Hunters Point.

Demo. Cities Project Choices

A spot survey by the Hunters Point-Bayview Anti-Poverty office revealed local resident ideas for the proposed 'Cities Demonstration Project.'

Child care facilities was the primary choice. Desire was to accommodate children from the crib through their 12th year. Such a facility is envisioned as releasing a parent for leisure activity as well as regular work, and be opened at least 16 hours per day.

A second choice was recreational services and facilities. A strong appeal was shown for a swimming pool, a marina and park with public grounds along the Bay shoreline. Also there was a call for a local theater, pool halls and a teen center.

They were followed by on-the-job training and employment; education for pre-schoolers the year around, tutorials and higher education. And, one added and interesting suggestion by many was a Third Street mall with an abundance of trees similar to other areas of the City, and improved transportation.

A local hospital in the area providing child and dental services, and improved legal services rounded the listed desires.

Also voiced indirectly was the wish that Hunters Point as a ghetto could cease and the people who live there be accorded the dignity and respect by the rest of the City.

City Hall

Rally & March

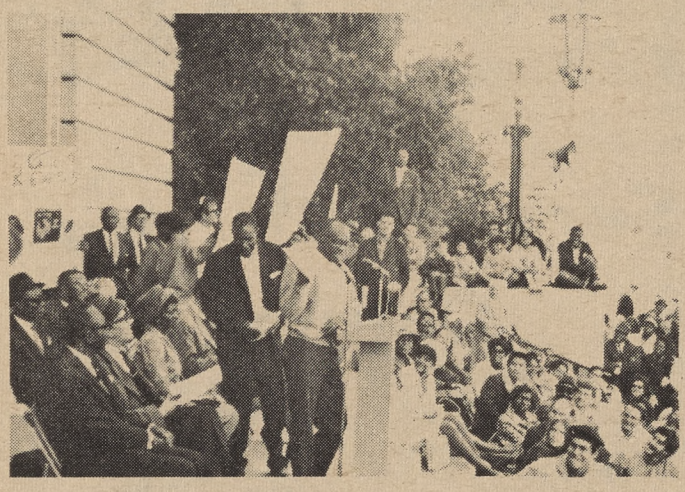
Bay Area civil rights leaders, ministers and backers met to protest the "unjustified" sentences for demonstrators involved and arrested in the 1964 Palace Hotel and Auto-Row demonstrations on Sunday afternoon the 17th of July.

Various speakers condemned the harsh sentences and even went so far as to infer a conspiracy of special interests as being responsible for them.

Previously the San Francisco Human Rights Commission stated that "...it may appear to some as unduly harsh to punish those whose major objectives of two years ago have been endorsed by the community." On the following Monday, a new appeal was filed with the State Supreme Court which claims, among other things, that the trials were "unfair" and that Negroes were excluded from them.

For most speakers, the feeling was that there was little, if any, improvement in the condition of employment for minorities since the demonstrations over two years ago. Besides accusing the mayor of going back on "deals", the local unions came under heavy fire for their "bias."

The meeting concluded with a grand march up Polk and then over Ellis to the Hilton Hotel where negotiators were meeting with demands for the return of Negro maids who were fired by the hotel.



Assemblyman Willie Brown Addresses Crowd.



Marching To The Hilton



Also, A Sign Of The Times

BAND Activities

Activities are as follows:

"Sewing" under the direction of Mrs. L. Carter, Mrs. A. Burdett, Mrs. J. Rushing. Tuesdays 2 - 4, Wednesday 10 - 12, Thursday 2 - 4.

"Cooking" under the direction of Mrs. Tardie Threat, daily 10 - 12.

SENIOR CITIZENS:

We are welcoming all the participants in our program. All these services are free. Stop by and we will be happy to serve you in any way we can.

YOUTH GROUPS:

Youth groups have been temporarily discontinued due to the President, Mr. Alvin McGary leaving for the armed service. We are waiting for you YOUTH to find an interested YOUTH. We will start anew. We will contact the group as soon as we settle in our new location to reorganize the group for them to participate to the fullest.

We are waiting for others to join us in making our service center successful. By using it to borrow, for advice, to budget, compare prices -- just call 285-4515. We shall be happy to serve in any way we can.



Sunnydale Election Nite - Mae Gezman and Neighborhood Youth assist voter.

Farm Workers Still Fighting

Ceasar Chavez, leader of the Delano farm workers, NFWA (Viva Huelga!), has sent out a plea for continued help in their fight for human rights and justice for farm workers.

BOYCOTT & PICKET OF DI GIORGIO

According to Chavez, "Di Giorgio continues to use every tactic possible to defeat the NFWA's efforts." He further outlined such tactics as getting court orders (later over turned) against pickets from talking to workers.

ELECTION A "FLAGRANT MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE"

Chavez listed the events of what he called a "totally fraudulent election among employees of the Delano and Borrego Springs grape ranches, allegedly to determine whether workers wanted union representation. Di Giorgio exerted every conceivable method of intimidation and coercion to force workers to vote for the Teamsters Union."

Such tactics were: "The workers who were on strike were prohibited from voting. The workers were herded into company busses and trucks and brought to the polling places. The workers were then forced by company supervisors to get off the busses and vote. Those workers who refused to get off and vote were forced off physically and threatened with the loss of their jobs. Female workers were used by the company to pressure male workers to vote through the use of sexual enticements. A Catholic priest refused to sign an affidavit testifying to the fairness and impartiality of the election."



'Viva Huelga' March Up Market

SAN FRANCISCO'S VIVA HUELGA DAY

On Saturday, July the 9th several thousand sympathizers and farm worker representatives, including Mr. Chavez marched up Market Street to the City Hall plaza where they were joined by several thousand more persons. A City proclamation was read; several union representatives, ILWU for instance, and other supporters gave their greetings, and then Ceasar concluded with a rousing plea for help.

PLEDGE CARDS

Ceasar Chavez stressed in conclusion the need for those in support of the farm workers' cause to sign pledge cards (which are sent to Di Giorgio) along with boycotting Di Giorgio products (such as S & W and Treesweet).

Boycott cards for mailing to Di Giorgio to express your dislike of their current position as well as pledge cards for support of the farm workers are now available from the local Anti-Poverty office, 1449 Mendell St.

50% Interest!

Yes, that'right. 50% interest is what one car purchaser in Chicago was paying to finance his car thru the silling agnecy. The purchaser got pretty upset. He came to the selling agency recently and killed both the owners. Avoid such frustration. Finance your car at the Credit Union.



Bayview Shell Baseball Team. Rgman 'Ski' Hassinski sponsor. Managers are: Oscar Jones and Rev. Charles Lee.